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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Examiner Zhou:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), applicants hereby petition the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office for a three-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated November 3, 2008. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before May 3, 2009.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 50-0725.

Respectfully submitted,

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